



WARWICK

Franklin County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

Established in 1763, the Town of Warwick owes its beginnings to land given to descendants of 39 soldiers from Roxbury who distinguished themselves in the Canadian campaign. The hilly land was originally settled in the 1740's and residents have achieved some local fame for their longevity. This extended life-span is supposed to be due to the healthy and bracing climate of the town.

The original agricultural economy of Warwick had expanded by the mid-nineteenth century to include saw mills, pail, stave and axe factories, blacksmith shops and tanneries. Although Warwick is still a small rural town, its population did grow by 22% between 1980 and 1990, one of the highest growth rates in the county.

Warwick acts as host to past and present residents, as well as visitors, at its Old Home Day each year, an event which combines barbecues, flea markets and crafts shows.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the

Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

North central Massachusetts, bordred by Royalston on the east; Orange on the southeast and south; Erving and Northfield on the southwest and west; and Winchester and Richmond, New Hampshire, on the north. Warwick is 18 miles east of Greenfield, 50 miles north of Springfield, 80 miles northwest of Boston, and 185 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 37.61 sq. miles

Land Area: 37.27 sq. miles

Population: 740

Density: 20 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Tully Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....18.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....69.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Mt. Grace, Northfield, Orange

Regional Planning Agency

Franklin County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 544-6315

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1763

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 444

Democrats 70 15.8 % Republicans 59 13.3 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 315 70.9 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Warwick town, Franklin County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	750	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	750	100.0
Male.....	380	50.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	7	0.9
Female.....	370	49.3	Mexican.....	-	-
Under 5 years.....	46	6.1	Puerto Rican.....	5	0.7
5 to 9 years.....	47	6.3	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	63	8.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	39	5.2	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	743	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	41	5.5	White alone.....	723	96.4
25 to 34 years.....	69	9.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	149	19.9	Total population.....	750	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	138	18.4	In households.....	750	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	41	5.5	Householder.....	293	39.1
60 to 64 years.....	34	4.5	Spouse.....	174	23.2
65 to 74 years.....	44	5.9	Child.....	211	28.1
75 to 84 years.....	35	4.7	Own child under 18 years.....	171	22.8
85 years and over.....	4	0.5	Other relatives.....	35	4.7
Median age (years).....	40.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	10	1.3
18 years and over.....	565	75.3	Nonrelatives.....	37	4.9
Male.....	282	37.6	Unmarried partner.....	23	3.1
Female.....	283	37.7	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	546	72.8	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	102	13.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	83	11.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	37	4.9	Total households.....	293	100.0
Female.....	46	6.1	Family households (families).....	211	72.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	94	32.1
One race.....	739	98.5	Married-couple family.....	174	59.4
White.....	727	96.9	With own children under 18 years.....	76	25.9
Black or African American.....	-	-	Female householder, no husband present.....	26	8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	2	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	15	5.1
Asian.....	2	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	82	28.0
Asian Indian.....	2	0.3	Householder living alone.....	60	20.5
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	17	5.8
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	100	34.1
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	58	19.8
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.56	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.99	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	343	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	293	85.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	50	14.6
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	29	8.5
Some other race.....	8	1.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.9	(X)
Two or more races.....	11	1.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	-	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	293	100.0
White.....	738	98.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	259	88.4
Black or African American.....	2	0.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	34	11.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	1.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.59	(X)
Asian.....	2	0.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.32	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	8	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The major axes of transportation in Franklin County, where Warwick is located, are State Route 2 and Interstate Route 91, which follows the Connecticut River. The region is well-served by rail. The Springfield Terminal Railway lines (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallel the two major highways, and the Central Vermont Railway's main line passes N-S through the eastern portion.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 78, which runs N-S and provides access to State Route 2 and to the Orange Municipal Airport.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Warwick, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Warwick is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service, but FRTA provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Orange Council on Aging.

Other

The Orange Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,000'x 150' and 4,998'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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